

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (JP 3-232274).

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 11-20.

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Applicants have amended claim 1 to further define the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are pending for consideration.

**All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (JP 3-232274). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as being based upon a reference that neither teaches nor suggests the novel combination of features recited in amended independent claim 1, independent claim 6, and hence dependent claims 2-10.

Initially, Applicants respectfully submit that since the Examiner has failed to provide any specific correspondence between each of the individual features recited by independent claim 1, as well as the individual steps recited by independent claim 6, and each of the individual features explicitly shown and distinctly labeled in FIGs. 27-33 of Yamamoto et al., Applicants find it difficult, at best, to address the allegations set forth by the Examiner. As set forth in MPEP 706.02, (entitled “Reliance Upon Abstracts and Foreign Language Documents In Support of a Rejection”), “[i]f the document is in a language other than English and the examiner seeks to rely on that document, a translation must be obtained so that the record is clear as to the precise facts the examiner is relying upon in support of the rejection.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully

request that in the event that the present rejection in view of Yamamoto et al. is maintained, the Examiner provide an English-language translation of Yamamoto et al. as well as some type of specific identification of the features disclosed by Yamamoto et al. that allegedly anticipate the features of independent claim 1, as well as the individual steps of independent claim 6, and hence dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request that if the rejection is maintained and an English-language translation of Yamamoto et al. is provided to Applicants, that the next Office Action is not made final so as to give Applicants a fair opportunity to respond to the next Office Action.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a liquid crystal display device including “a plurality of pads extending at a first angle from an edge of the substrate” and “a plurality of pad lines extending at the first angle and interconnected between each of the plurality of drive lines and pads.” In contrast to Applicants’ claimed invention, the Office Action apparently alleges that Yamamoto et al. discloses in FIGs. 27-33, that a first set of conductive lines 40, a second set of conductive lines 41 and a third set of conductive lines 44 correspond to the “drive lines,” pad lines,” and “pads,” as claimed. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the only feature of FIGs. 27-33 of Yamamoto et al. that extends from each of a plurality of drive lines at a first angle from one of the first and second directions of the drive lines are the second set of conductive lines 41. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Yamamoto et al. is completely silent with respect to a liquid crystal display device including “a plurality of pads extending at a first angle from an edge of the substrate” and “a plurality of pad lines extending at the first angle and interconnected between each of the plurality of drive lines and pads,” as

recited by amended independent claim 1, and hence dependent claims 2-5.

Independent claim 6 recites a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device including individual steps of forming a drive line, a pad line, a pad, an insulating film, a contact hole, and an electrode pattern that are neither taught nor disclosed by Yamamoto et al. Applicants respectfully submit that Yamamoto et al. fails to teach or suggest each of the individual steps recited by independent claim 6, and hence dependent claims 7-10.

Since Yamamoto et al. fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of at least independent claims 1 and 6, as best understood by Applicants from the brief analysis set forth in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-10 are allowable over Yamamoto et al. for at least the reasons set forth above. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner believe that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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